

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated March 10, 2006.

By the present amendment, the total number of claims pending in the application is decreased from 12 to 11 and the number of independent claims remains the same. No excess claim fee is believed payable.

Petition for 2 month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3) is submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendment and remarks below.

A Complete Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 17 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop AF, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on August 10, 2006.

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